

ELECTRIC COSTS & PICKING ALTERNATIVE SUPPLIERS

No one should be paying the \$0.24 / kWh standard offer rate from Eversource this winter when lower rates without risk are available on EnergizeCT.com. You can now even buy 100% renewable power on the CT rate board at that site for 9 cents/kWh LESS than the standard offer. If you have never done this before, you may be hesitant, but the site should be easy to use. Here is the step-by-step process to change suppliers:

1. Go to www.energizeCT.com.
2. Scroll down to Supplier Rate Finder & click on it (or Rate Board).
3. Select the Eversource Residential rate.
4. Click on Narrow Your Search so you can set a few filters.
5. Enter your Current Monthly Usage (kWh) - from the graph on your last bill, estimate the average daily and multiply by 30 days. This will make the savings shown accurate for what you use. The average in CT is 700 kWh.
6. Enter the Minimum RECs you want to buy. This is the percent of renewable power you want to buy. Sometimes the cost premium for renewable power is very small and it does help cut climate pollution. Or leave the default and see all the offers.
7. Skip the other filters, as they don't matter much. There are no fees to change to another plan in CT, or to start or end your supply contract. Scroll down to the offers that come up according to the filters you set.
8. The first will be the Eversource Standard Offer and what you will pay for it. After that the other offers are listed in order of lowest to highest cost. Each will show what you will save for your monthly average use if you entered it.
9. Click Enroll Now below the offer you like best and fill out their forms using the account information from your last electric bill. You will need your account #, name key, bill cycle, and other name/address info that you know.
10. That's all. It should take effect on your next full bill cycle. At the end of the next month (not this month) look on your bill under the Total Charges for Electricity on page 2. This is the generation charge - it should show your new supplier and the rate. Eversource will add a charge for delivery to this (approx. \$0.13/kWh in Jan 2023). They will send you a copy of the contract. - Note this is a commodity; you are buying electrons and they are all the same. But the RENEWABLE electron is the BEST, so buy as many of them as you can afford. On the CT rate board the only differences between offers are the price, the percent renewable, and the contract length. You (and the supplier) can cancel at any time. Note that supplier prices often drop in June (as demand for gas drops) and rise again in January.

**You can save a lot of money AND buy 100% renewable power by switching to a new supplier.
Tell your friends!**